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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: M. Riley
KEITA OHSHIMA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/725,026)	
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Filed: December 2, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND IMAGE	:	September 14, 2009
PROCESSING METHOD)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

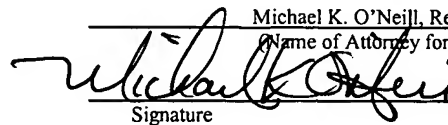
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2009, the period for response to which having been extended to September 14, 2009 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, and in connection with which a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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